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SUBJECT: FCO MINISTER OF STATE, DAVID ENNALS, TO RHODE-
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1. FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN ANNOUNCED IN PARLIAMENT ON JUNE 11 THAT MINISTER OF STATE, DAVID ENNALS, WOULD GO TO RHODESIA TO SEE PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH. (TRIP WILL PROBABLY ALSO INCLUDE VISITS TO MOZAMBIQUE FOR INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS AND SOUTH AFRICA FOR TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER.) PRESS NOTED THAT RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER SMITH AGREED TO MEET A BRITISH MINISTER LATER THIS MONTH AND TO PUT "POSITIVE PROPOSALS" TO HIM.

2. CALLAGHAN SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN CONSIDERING NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO GET THE TWO SIDES TOGETHER IN RHODESIA; AND AFTER CONSULTING ALL PARTIES INVOLVED, HAD DECIDED TO SEND MR. ENNALS TO RHODESIA TO DISCUSS WITH ALL CONCERNED THE MODALITIES AND TIMING OF NEXT STEPS TO A CONFERENCE. CALLAGHAN MENTIONED THAT PROGRESS TOWARD AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN DISCOURAGING DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS. HE SAID, "A START MUST BE MADE BEFORE IT IS TOO
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LATE -- EVERYONE WHO FOLLOWS THE AFFAIRS OF RHODESIA

KNOWS ONLY TOO WELL OF THE WIDE GAP BETWEEN WHITE AND BLACK RHODESIANS WHICH REMAINS TO BE BRIDGED." HE CALLED ON THE ANC WHEN IT MEETS ON JUNE 21 TO DEFINE ITS POLICY IN TERMS OF A PEACEFUL AND MULTIRACIAL SOLUTION.

3. IN HIS COMMONS STATEMENT, CALLAGHAN WARNED THAT THIS MAY BE THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR BLACK AND WHITE RHODESIANS TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY AND THAT THE LOOMING ALTERNATIVE MUST INEVITABLY BE VIOLENCE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS, HMG HAD AGREED TO GIVE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF DEVELOPMENT AID TO MOZAMBIQUE OVER THE ISSUE OF SANCTIONS WHICH HAD BEEN ADVOCATED BY THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AT THE KINGSTON CONFERENCE LAST MONTH.

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